

## **IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE G**

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The Fire and Facilities Sales Tax Initiative proposes to amend the Lodi Municipal Code to add new Chapter 3.09 adding an additional one quarter cent transaction and use (sales) tax. The tax would be paid in addition to current State and local sales taxes and would be collected at the same time, in the same manner, and on the same items as sales taxes. The sales tax levy must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the qualified voters in the City voting in an election on the issue. If approved, the sales tax levy would become effective April 1, 2007 and would remain in effect for ten years. City staff has conservatively estimated that the measure would raise \$28.585 million dollars over its ten-year life.

The initiative requires that the proceeds of the tax be spent on the following projects in the following priority:

1. Placing paramedics on fire engines in Lodi (up to \$700,000 per year for six years, total of \$4,200,000);
2. Design and construction of Fire Station #5 which shall be located in the southeast portion of Lodi (up to \$2,000,000);
3. Construction of the Lodi Aquatics Center (up to \$9,000,000);
4. Design and construction of a replacement for Fire Station #2, which shall be located in the eastern portion of Lodi (up to \$2,000,000);
5. Construction of a downtown indoor sports center (up to \$9,000,000); and
6. Maintenance and operation of the facilities above (up to \$1,500,000).

The initiative requires that the proceeds be spent on the above projects and no others. After year ten, the funding from the initiative to maintain these facilities and programs would cease.

The initiative also establishes an oversight committee to ensure that the proceeds are spent on the listed projects. The oversight committee would also have the power to, jointly with the City Council, approve proposed changes in the priority or maximum expense of projects based upon changed circumstances.